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(U) On January 5, reftel demarche was transmitted to Francois Ravardeaux, MFA desk officer for non-proliferation and IAEA matters. On January 2, the MFA had issued the following statement (informal Embassy translation): "France welcomes the U.S. signature of the instrument of ratification of the IAEA Additional Protocol. Within the UN General Assembly as well as the IAEA, and in the context of the Non-Proliferation Treaty, France continuously underscores the importance of this verification instrument for nuclear non-proliferation. We immediately call on all States that have not yet done so to sign and bring into effect a Safeguards Agreement and an Additional Protocol, which constitute from our standpoint the current norms of verification."

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